

Spirit Filling, part 5
The Fruit from the Spirit

- I. The case for studying Scripture—Spirit filling.
 1. **Heb. 5:14:** *However, solid food belongs to those who are maturing, the ones that through their habit have their perception having been and are still training to distinguish between what is profitable and what is lacking in character.*
 2. **Phil. 1:9:** *... abound more and more in a full experiential knowledge/practice and all discernment.*
 3. The Christian is to know intellectually how the Holy Spirit works, and does not work, in his life.
 4. He has to discern what is the Spirit's enabling.
 5. He is to practice/train his mind.
- II. The facets of the Fruit from the Spirit that comfort (Gal. 5:22-23).
 1. **Joy.**
 2. **Peace.**
 3. **Longsuffering.**
 4. **Goodness.**
- IV. **Meekness**—*an objectivity of mind, a tameness of spirit that is not swayed by circumstance, social pressures, or emotion.*
 1. Meekness is not weak, timid, or necessarily always gentle.
 2. Case studies:
 - 1) Moses was meek (Nu. 12:3). He ground up the Golden Calf; he consistently rebuked the Israelites; kept going toward the Promised Land regardless of the obstacles.
 - 2) Jesus was meek (Mt. 11:29). He kicked the money changers out of the Temple twice (Jn. 2:13; Mk. 11:15-17; Lu. 19:45-46). He strongly rebuked the Scribes and Pharisees (Mt. 23:13-33).
 3. Christians are to use meekness:
 - 1) To maintain their witness: both lifestyle and verbal testimony (1 Pet. 3:15-16).
 - 2) When adjusting other Christians (Gal. 6:1; 1 Cor. 4:210).
 - 3) To welcome the Word already learned (Jam. 1:21).
 - 4) Old Testament and New Testament links (Zech. 9:9 to Mt. 5:5; Ps. 37:11 to Mt. 5:5).